

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Process for personalized access to information available on the Internet network, comprising:

creating in the user's computer at least one profile file ~~containing~~ comprising private data owned by the user [[,]] and [[/or]] data regarding the technical specifications of the user's computer;

repeatedly polling from the user's computer a service provider in order to receive an offer file containing matching rules for matching services accessible via the Internet to said at least one profile file;

applying in the user's computer the matching rules in the offer file to the profile file in order to select one or more services from the offer file, wherein no information from the at least one profile file is exported from the user's computer;

generating in the user's computer the code of a HTML page describing only said selected services; and

pushing said HTML page code into a web browser in the user's computer for permitting direct access to the services selected.

2. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 further comprising creating and updating a local file containing the selected services.

3. (previously presented) Process according to claim 2 wherein the polling is executed after a predetermined period, and when the user requests the establishment of an Internet connection.

4. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein said profile file is encrypted into said local user machine.

5. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein said at least one profile file contains private data regarding the user and technical data relating to the user's computer.

6. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein said at least one profile file contains technical data that is automatically collected by means of an analysis software program.

7. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein ~~[[it]]~~ the process is used for achieving an electronic business application.

8. (previously presented) Computer program product comprising computer program code stored on a computer readable storage medium for, when executed on a computer, performing all the steps of claim 1.

9. (currently amended) Apparatus for personalizing the access to information available on the Internet network, comprising:

means provided in the user's computer for creating at least one profile file ~~containing~~ comprising private data owned by the user ~~[[,]]~~ and ~~[[/or]]~~ data regarding the technical specifications of the user's computer;

means provided in the user's computer for polling at predetermined instants a

service provider in order to receive a file containing information associated with matching rules to be confronted with said at least one profile file;

means provided in the user's computer for matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules in order to select some pieces of information, wherein no information from the at least one profile file is exported from the user's computer;

means for generating in the user's computer the code of a HTML page containing only said selected pieces of information; and

means for pushing said HTML page code into a web browser in the user's computer for permitting direct access to the information being selected.

10. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising means for creating and updating a local file containing the selected items of information.

11. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the polling is executed after a predetermined period, and when the user requests the establishment of an Internet connection.

12. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein the HTML page is generated at the user's computer in response to the occurrence of predetermined conditions.

13. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the means for generating the HTML page resides on the user's computer and wherein the HTML page is generated in response to the occurrence of predetermined conditions.

14. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein the at least one profile file is a XML file stored on the user's computer.

15. (previously presented) Process according to claim 14 wherein the offer file is an XML file repeatedly downloaded from the service provider and stored on the user's computer.

16. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the at least one profile file is a XML file stored on the user's computer.

17. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the offer file is an XML file repeatedly downloaded from the service provider and stored on the user's computer.

18. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, further comprising:

    assigning user-defined weightings to the data in the profile file to indicate specified fields that are regarded as being of particular significance; and

    taking said weightings into account when applying the matching rules in the offer file to the profile file in order to select one or more services from the offer file

19. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

    means for assigning user-defined weightings to the data in the profile file to indicate specified fields that are regarded as being of particular significance; and

wherein the means for matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules in order to select some pieces of information are provided for taking said weightings into account when matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules.

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